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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

IN YOUR FACE!

I'VE ALWAYS
SAID SONIC HAS
A **BIG MOUTH**--
BUT THAT'S
RIDICULOUS!

MAK & DIAGRAM



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PRINCESS

Sally

SONIC
THE
HEDGEHOG

HEADS UP,
INTRUDER! I'M
SPRINGING
AHEAD...

SPRONG!

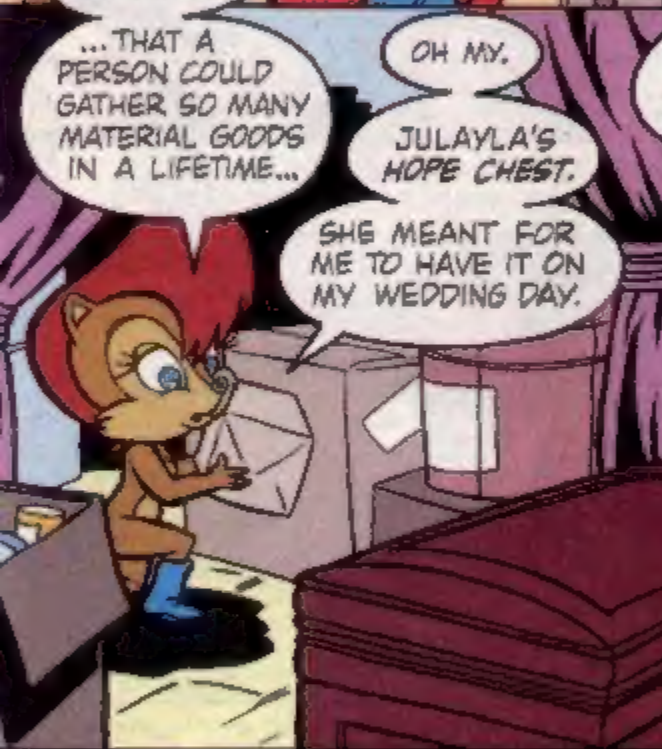
...AND YOU'RE
GOING TO BE FALLING
BACKWARD!

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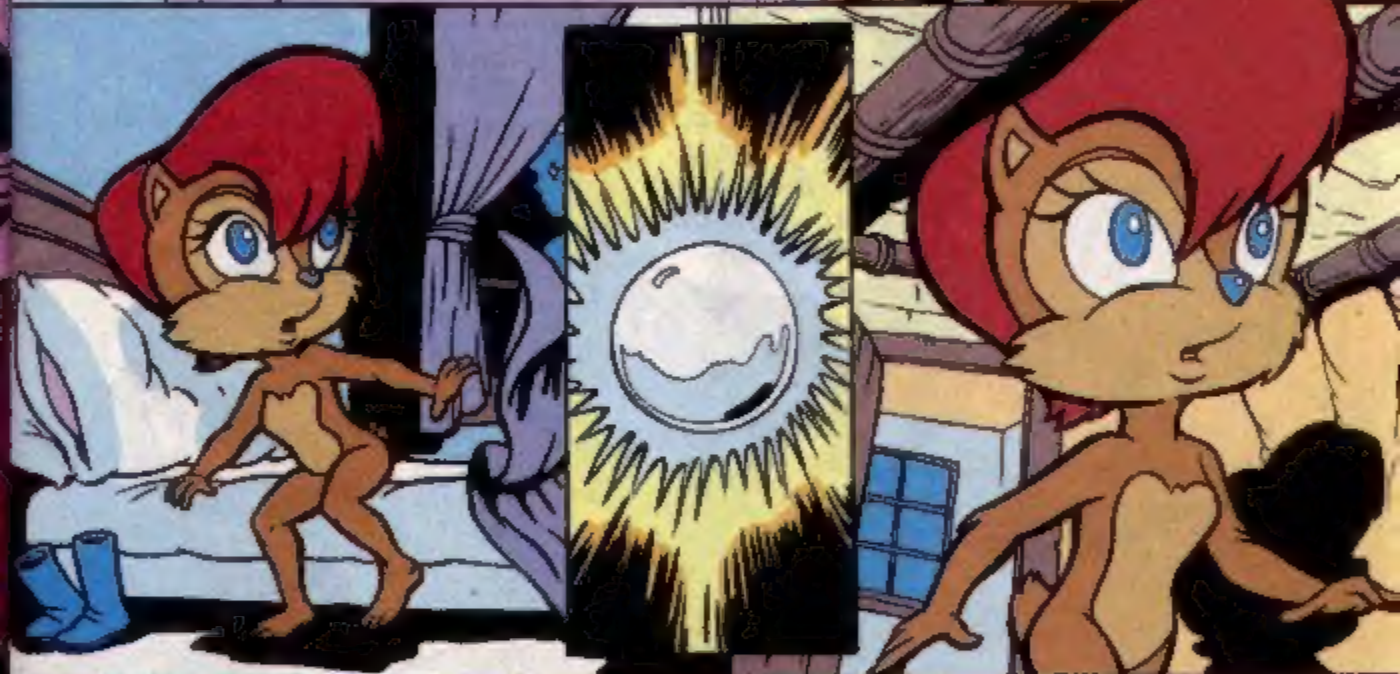
THE QUEST

PRINCESS SALLY'S CRUSADE: CONCLUSION!





THAT NIGHT...



SWISH!

HELLO,
SALLY...

MY NAME...

...IS NICOLE.

THAT TELLS ME WHO YOU ARE-- BUT NOT WHAT!

I WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND...

...BUT THAT IS A CHOICE ONLY YOU CAN MAKE.

Hmmm.

YOU REMIND ME VERY MUCH OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS.

THANK YOU.

A HIGHER COMPLIMENT I COULD SCARCELY IMAGINE.

PRINCESS GALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO LATE?

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

WE HEARD VOICES!

WHO HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO, SAL?

I'M NOT SURE.

YOU TELL ME!

SHAKE!
SHAKE!
SHAKE!

THAT WASN'T VERY NICE, NICOLE!

WOAH!
LITTLE SUCKER REALLY PACKS A WALLOP!

NEITHER WAS NEARLY SHAKING ME TO PIECES!

THAT GADGET IS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH. I SAY GET RID OF IT!

NO...

LIKE IT OR NOT-- SHE'S HERE NOW... AND SHE'S STAYING.

BESIDES... EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND!

SUNSET, THE FOLLOWING DAY...

JULAYLA'S FINAL TESTAMENT CLAIMED THAT ALL I NEED TO ATTAIN ONENESS OF THE SOUL IS LOCKED WITHIN THE DARKNESS OF THE FORBIDDEN ZONE...

... A PLACE WHERE EVEN DOCTOR ROBOTNIK FEARS TO TREAD.

I COULD NEVER ASK THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO ACCOMPANY ME ON WHAT COULD PROVE TO BE SUCH A DANGEROUS AND PERSONAL MISSION.

SO...

...EXCEPT FOR YOU, NICOLE...

...I'LL HAVE TO GO IT ALONE!

GOING SOMEWHERE, PRINCESS?

WEREN'T THINKING OF HOGGING ALL THE GLORY FOR YOURSELF, WERE YOU?

SWISH!

SONIC



GUYS, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, BUT THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS!

BESIDES, IT'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO ON MY OWN!

SEZ WHO?

EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND, SAL --

--AND DANGER IS OUR BUSINESS!

SIGH! I CAN SEE IT'S POINTLESS TO ARGUE...



I JUST HOPE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT WHAT WE'RE GETTING OURSELVES INTO!



WE'RE OVER THE DROP SITE NOW, PRINCESS!

ROGER, ROTOR.

GOOD LUCK!

EVERYONE TOGETHER, ON MY MARK...



OH, MY...

I HAVE CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN MY FEAR OF ZEE HEIGHTS!

GERONIMO

QUICKLY! BURY YOUR CHUTES
AND MOVE OUT! WE MUSTN'T LET
ROBOTNIKS BORDER PATROL
SPOT US TILL WE'RE
OVER THE WALL!

WHAT'S TO
WORRY, SAL? EVEN
IF THE SWATBOTS
SPOT US...

...THOSE TIN
CANS COULDN'T HIT
THE BROAD SIDE OF
A BARN!

CLICK!
WHRR!

INTRUDER--
ALERT!

RESPONSE
MODE--
INITIATED!

SPLAT!

"READY..."

"AIM..."

VISUAL STATUS--
NON-EXISTENT!

THEY'VE SPOTTED
US, BUT THESE
CONCENTRATED
PAINT BALLS WILL
BLIND THEM!

CAN'T
SEE!

CAN'T SEE!

THAT
WAS...

CUTTING
THINGS...

A LITTLE
TOO CLOSE FOR
COMFORT!

AND SPEAKING
OF CLOSE
SHAVES...

LET'S CUT
THESE SENTRIES
DOWN TO SIZE!

SHRAAK!

THEY HAVE PASSED
BEYOND THE POINT
OF NO RETURN

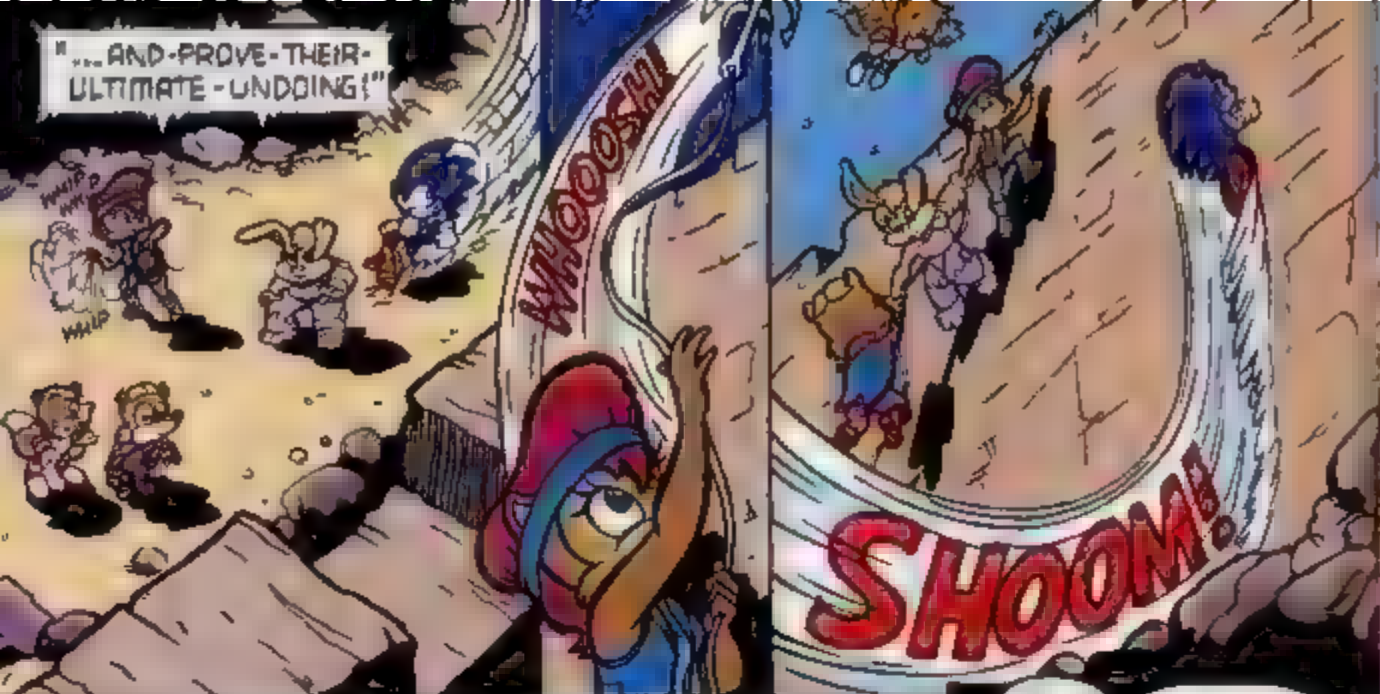
HOLD
YOUR
FIRE.

VAROOM!

THE FORBIDDEN ZONE
WILL MAKE SHORT WORK
OF THEM...

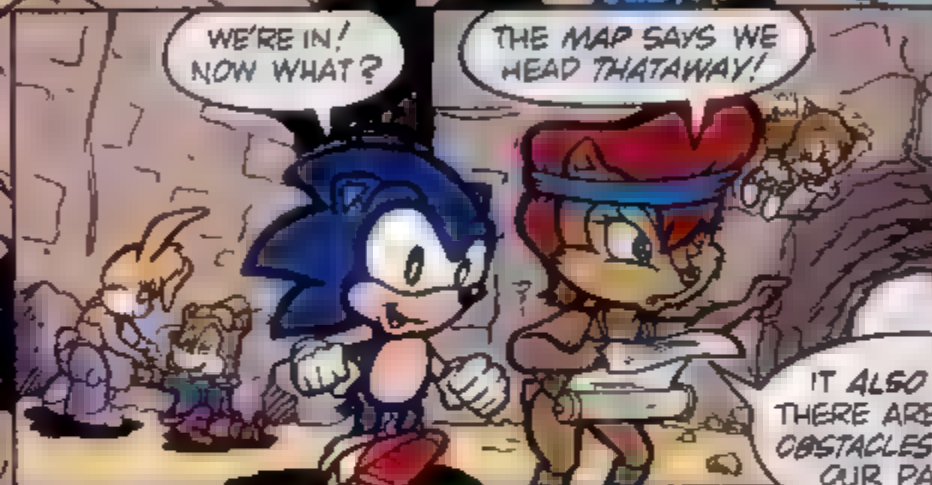
FORBIDDEN
ZONE
ABANDON HOPE
ALL YE WHO ENTER

"...AND PROVE THEIR
ULTIMATE UNDOING!"



WE'RE IN!
NOW WHAT?

THE MAP SAYS WE
HEAD THATAWAY!



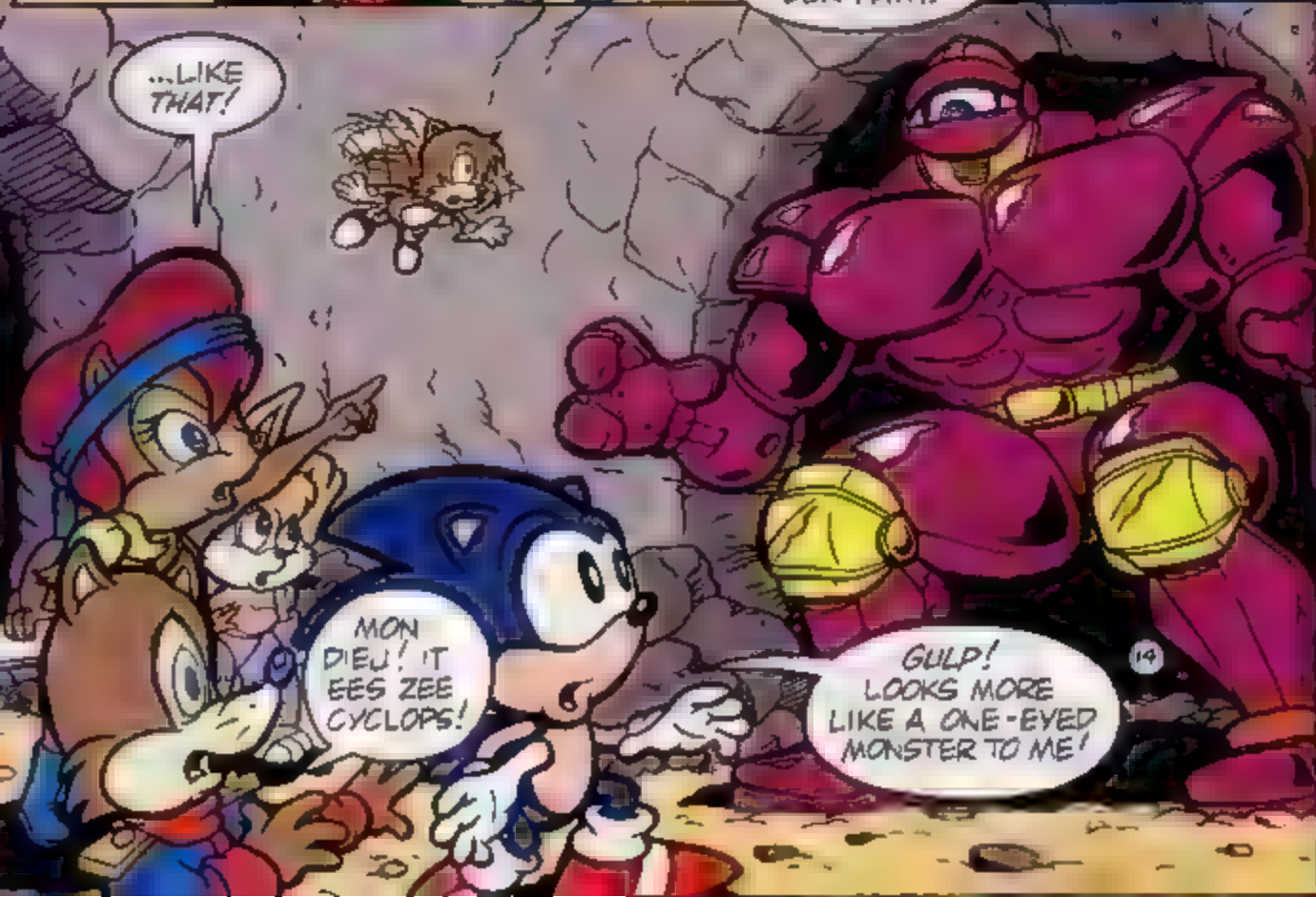
OH?

LIKE WHAT?

IT ALSO SAYS
THERE ARE A FEW
OBSTACLES-- IN
OUR PATH.

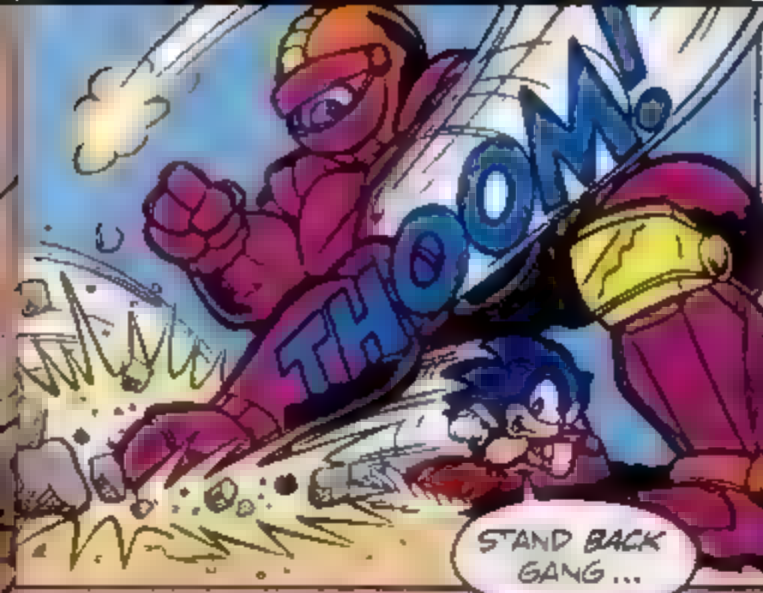


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THAT!

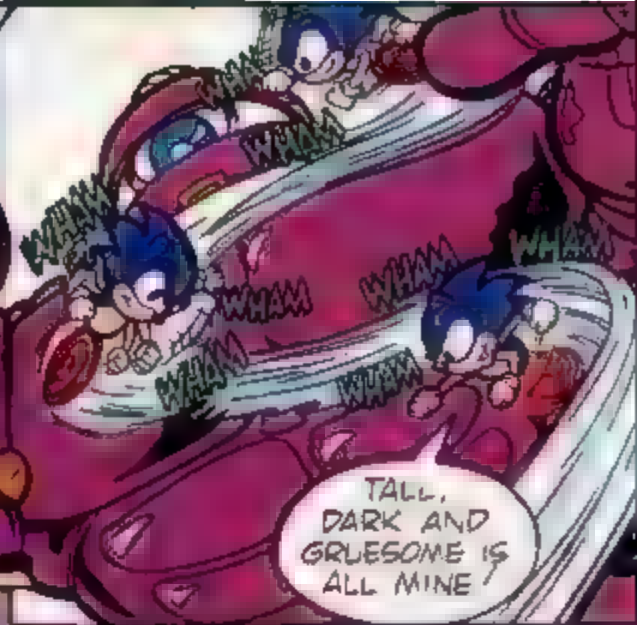


MON
DIEU! IT
EES ZEE
CYCLOPS!

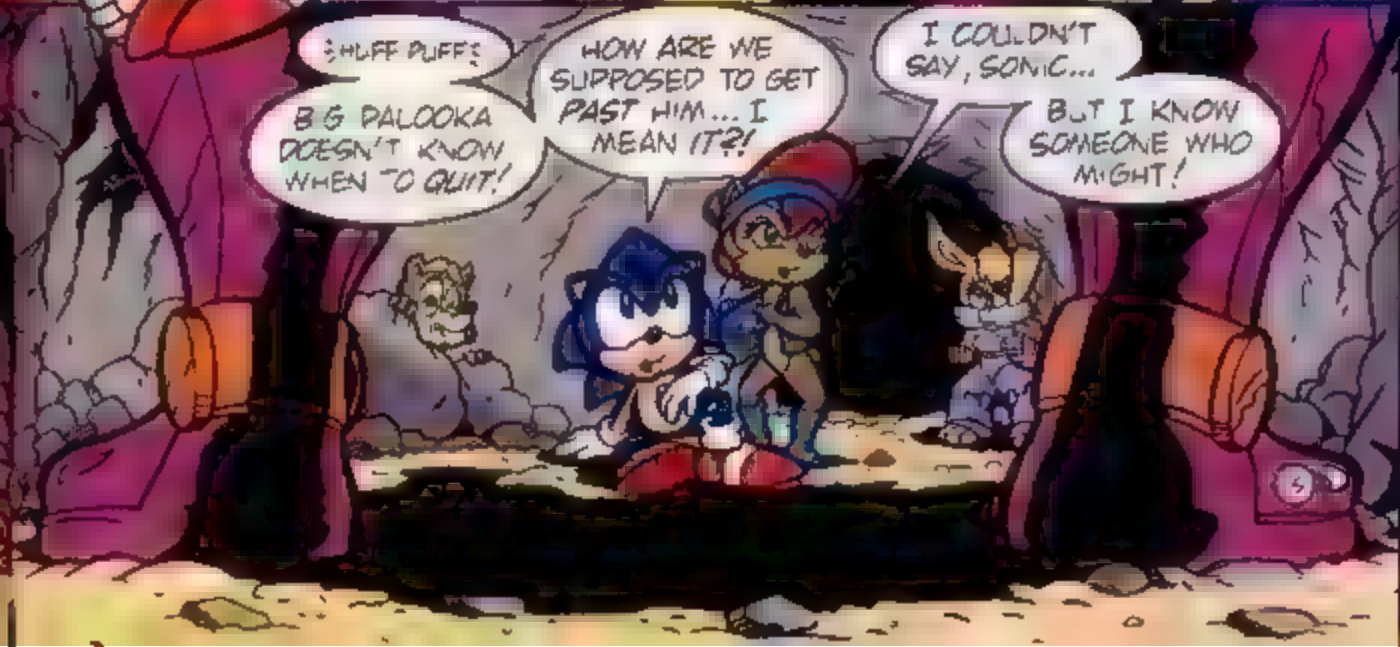
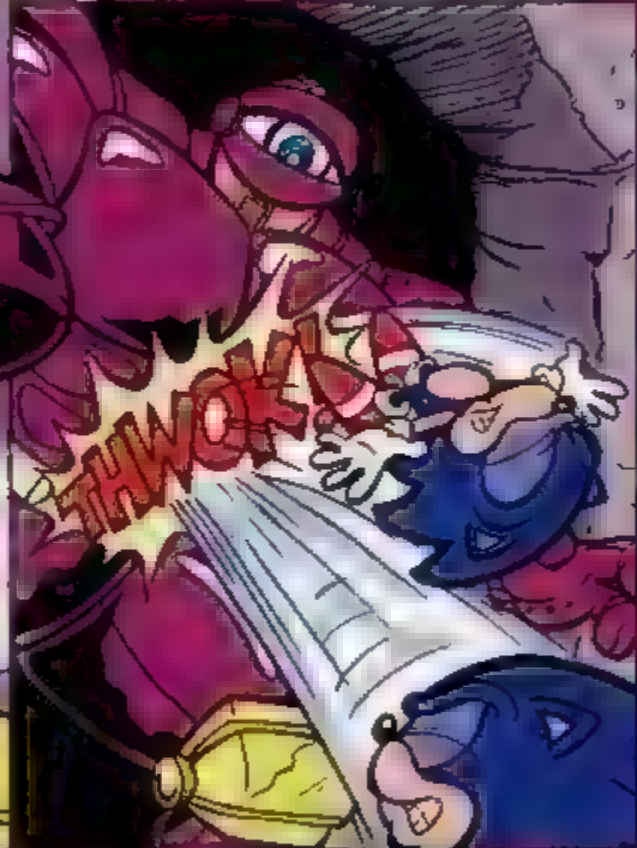
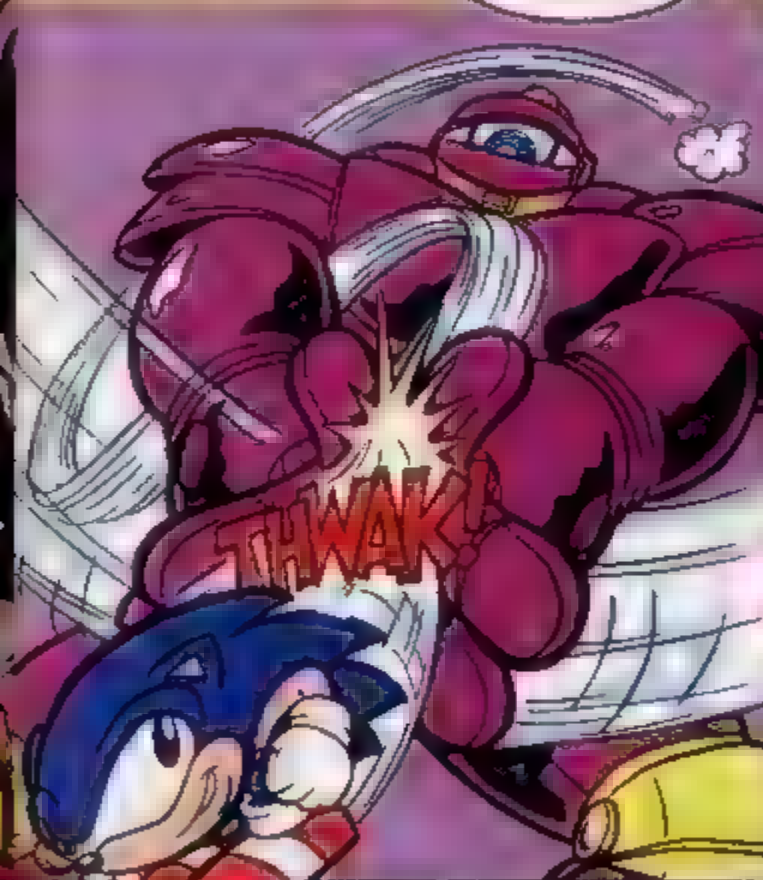
GULP!
LOOKS MORE
LIKE A ONE-EYED
MONSTER TO ME!



STAND BACK
GANG...



TALL,
DARK AND
GRUESOME IS
ALL MINE!

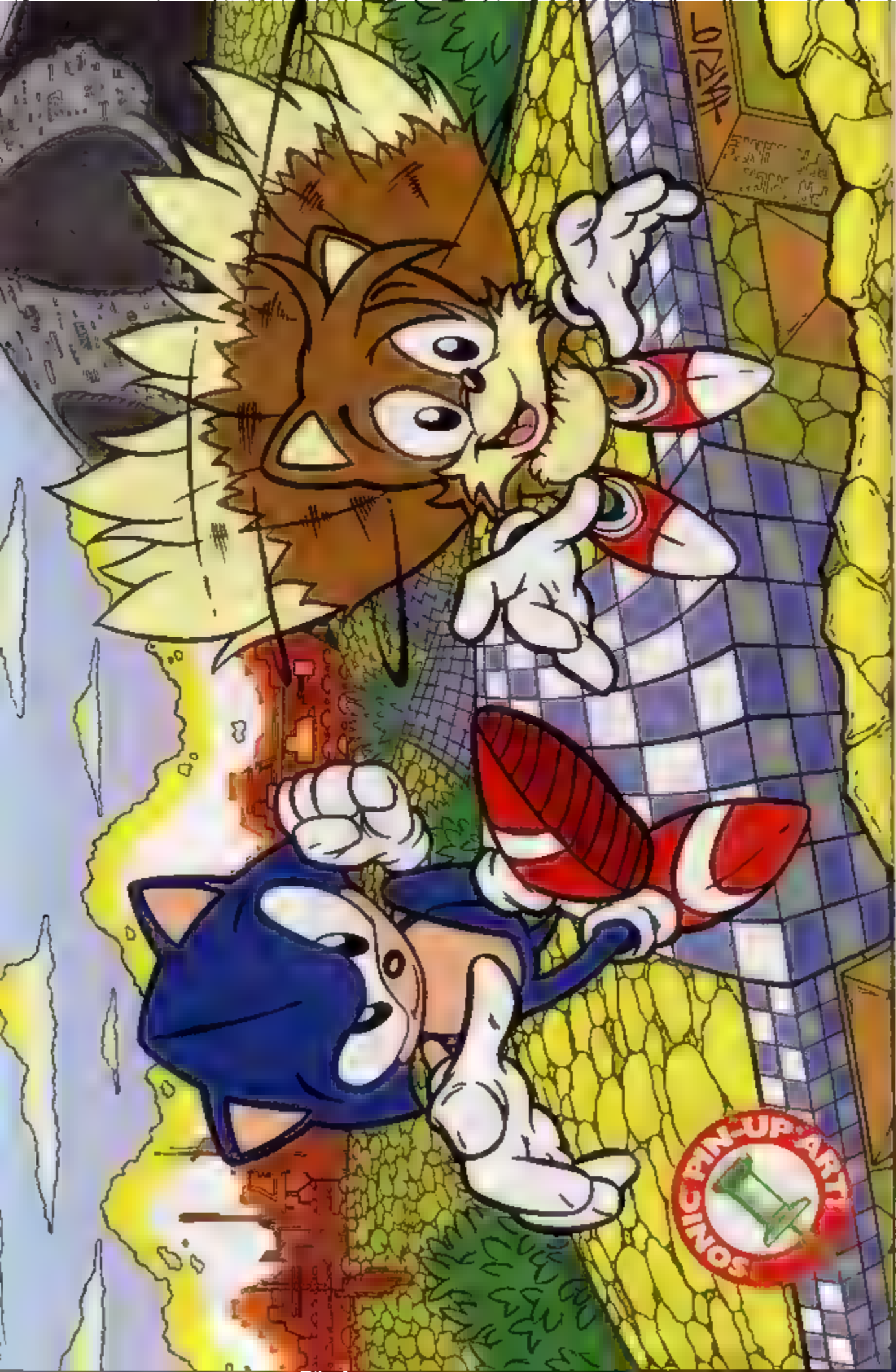


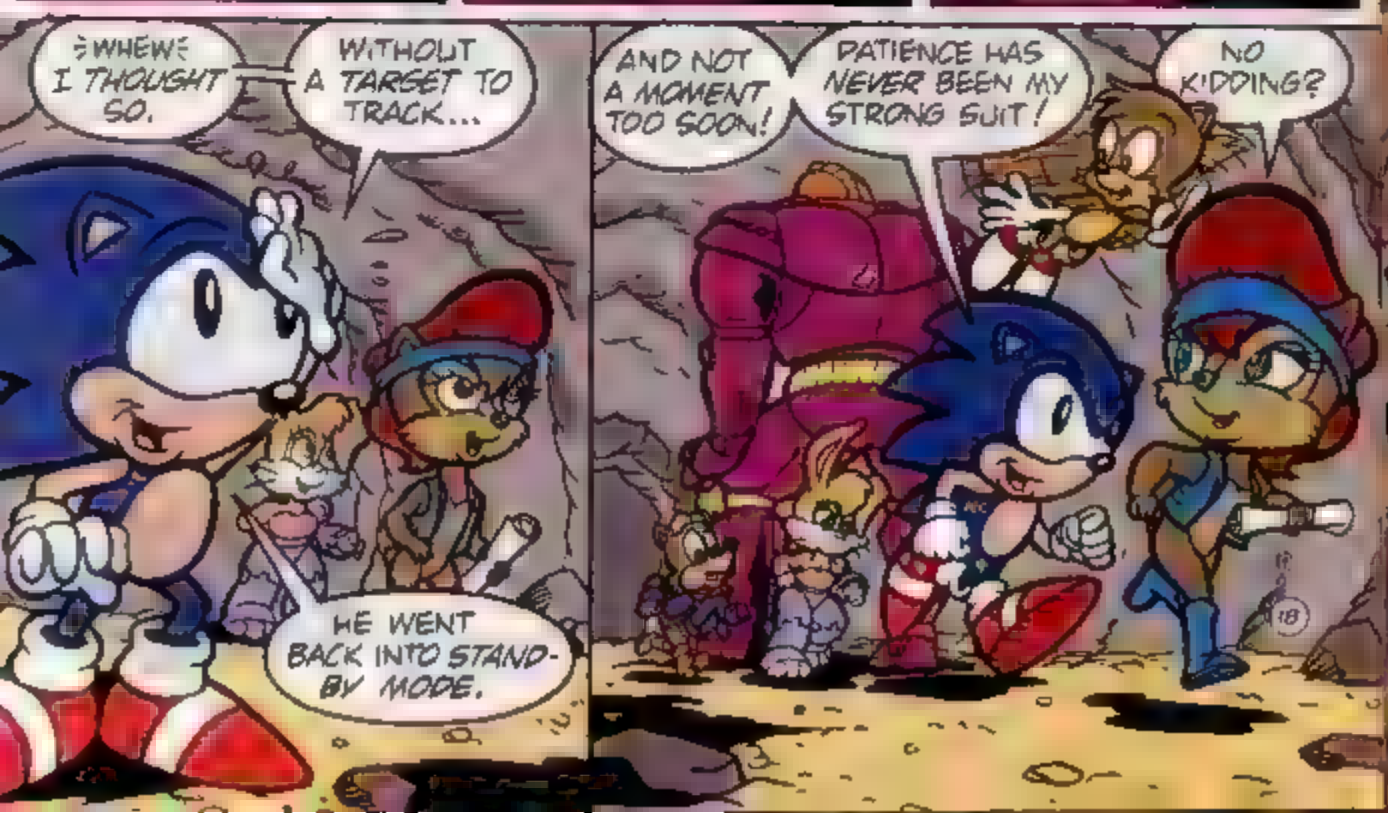
SHUFF PUFF!
BIG DALOOKA
DOESN'T KNOW
WHEN TO QUIT!

HOW ARE WE
SUPPOSED TO GET
PAST HIM... I
MEAN IT?!

I COULDN'T
SAY, SONIC...

BUT I KNOW
SOMEONE WHO
MIGHT!





WE'RE GETTING
WARMER NOW!

I CAN
FEEL IT...

... AND
SEE IT!

FAVOOSH!

GASP!
A FIRE-
BREATHING
GRIFFIN!!

WE'D
BETTER FALL
BACK AND..

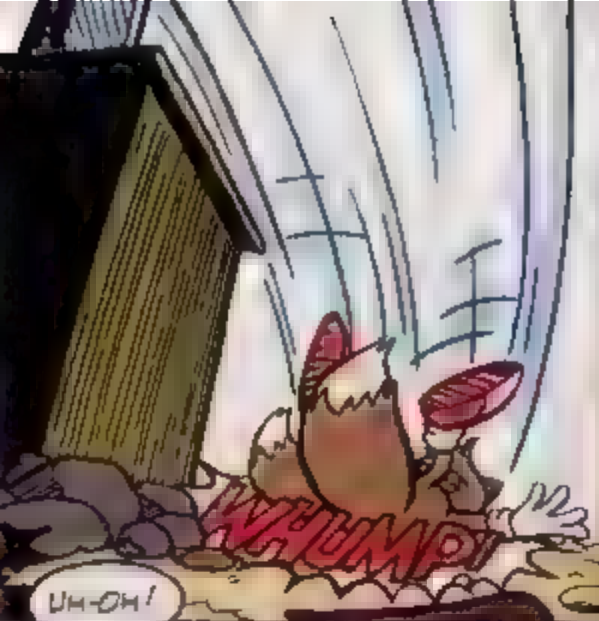
TALS!

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

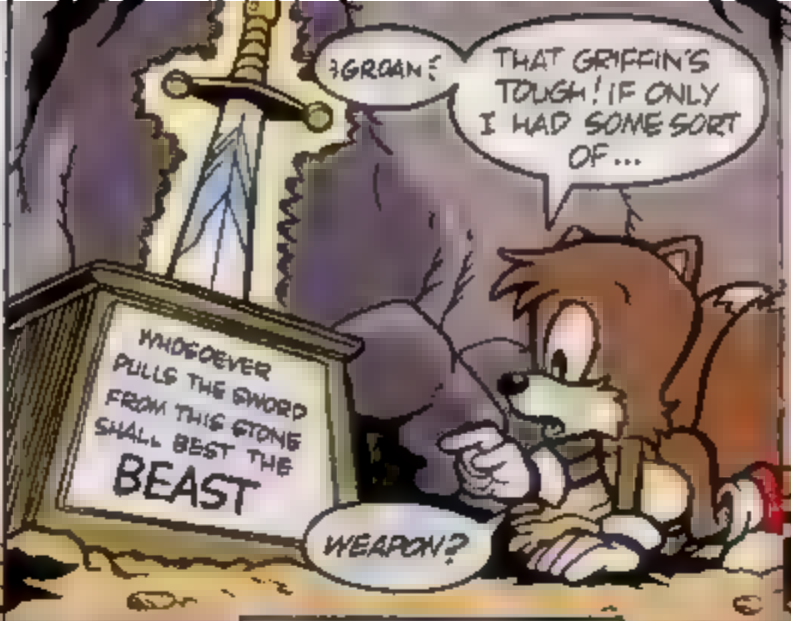
I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN FLY,
PRINCESS!

WITH LUCK,
MAYBE I CAN
KNOCK IT OUT
OF THE SKY
BEFORE...

THWPK!



UH-OH!



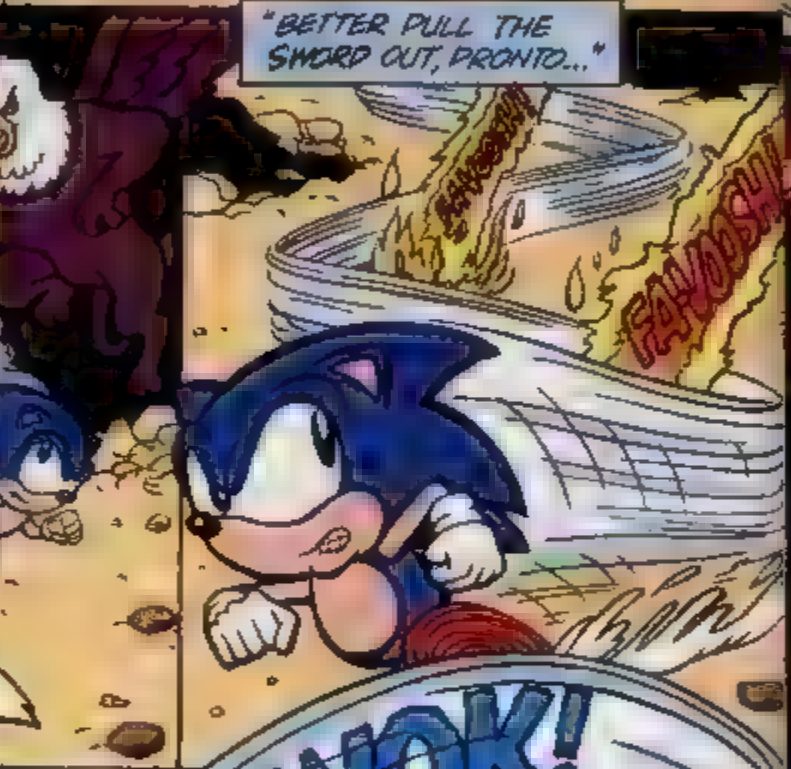
AGRAAN?

THAT GRIFFIN'S TOUGH! IF ONLY I HAD SOME SORT OF...

WEAPON?



FOR SONIC'S SAKE I HOPE THAT PLAQUE ISN'T SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A BAD JOKE!



"BETTER PULL THE SWORD OUT, PRONTO..."

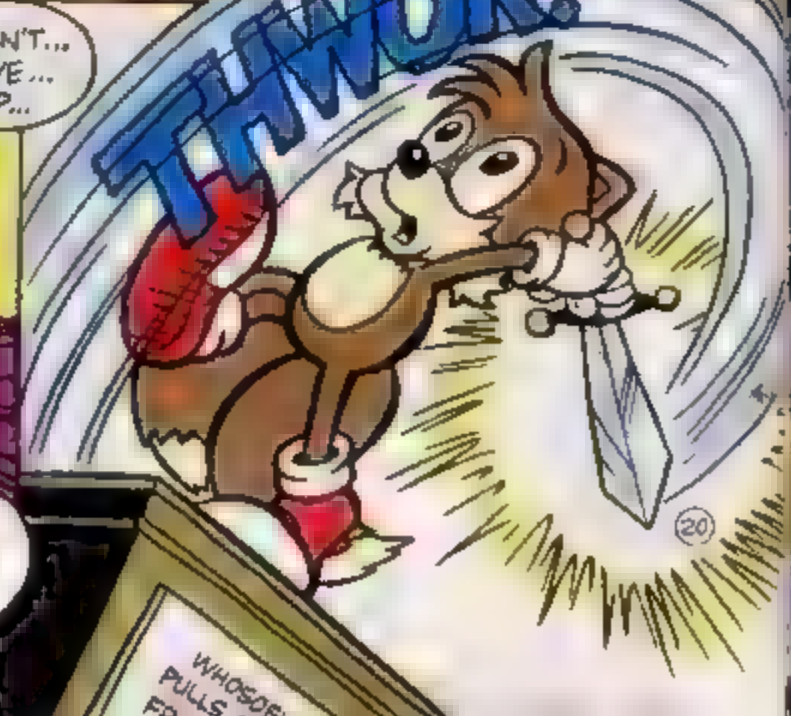


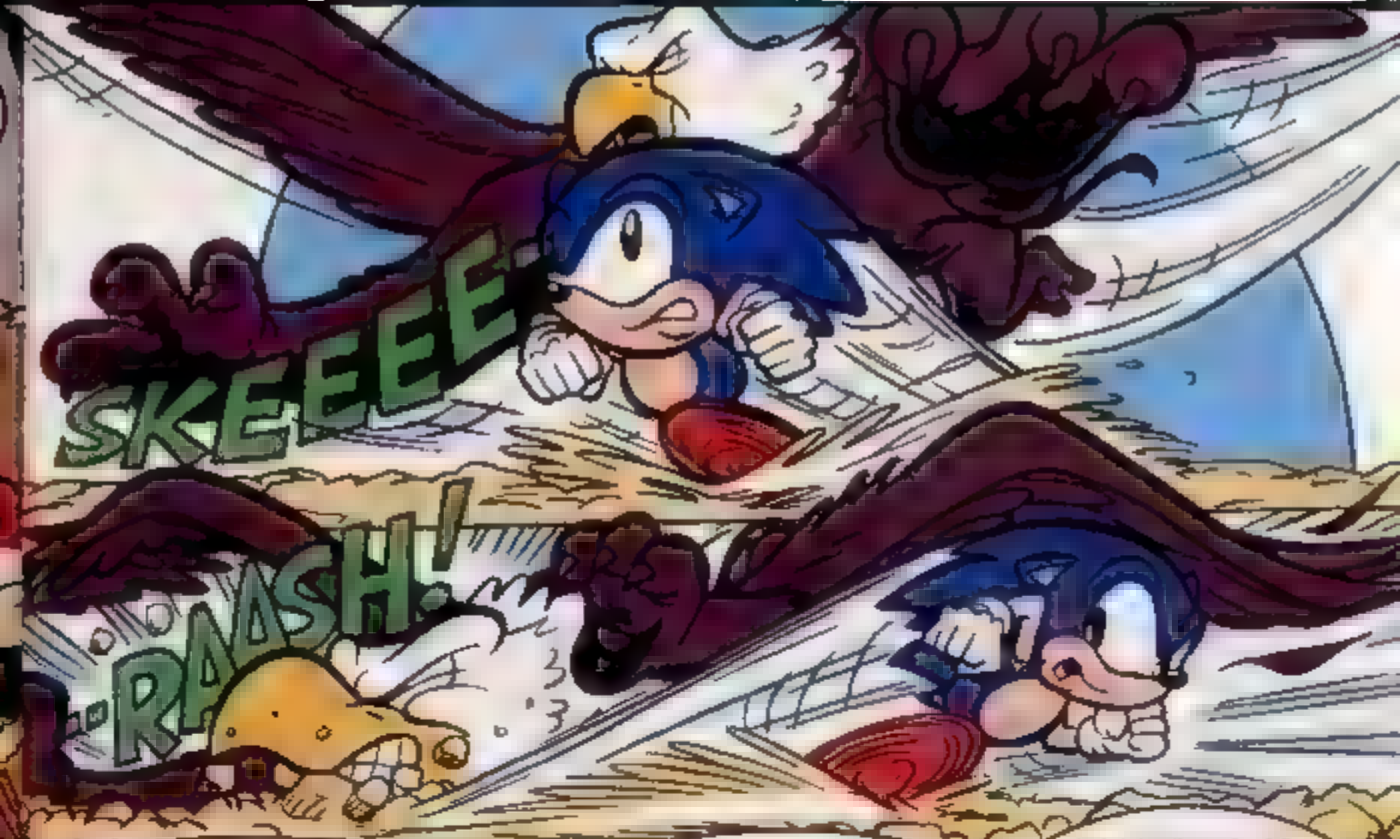
...BUT IT'S STUCK TIGHT!

MUSN'T... GIVE... UP...

GOTTA-KEEP-PULLING UNTIL...

UNTIL...





EXCUSE ME... BUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED HERE?

THAT WAS VERY BRAVE, TAILS! BUT NEXT TIME PROMISE ME YOU'LL LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

ACCORDING TO THE MAP, WE'RE ALMOST THERE I JUST HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY MORE...

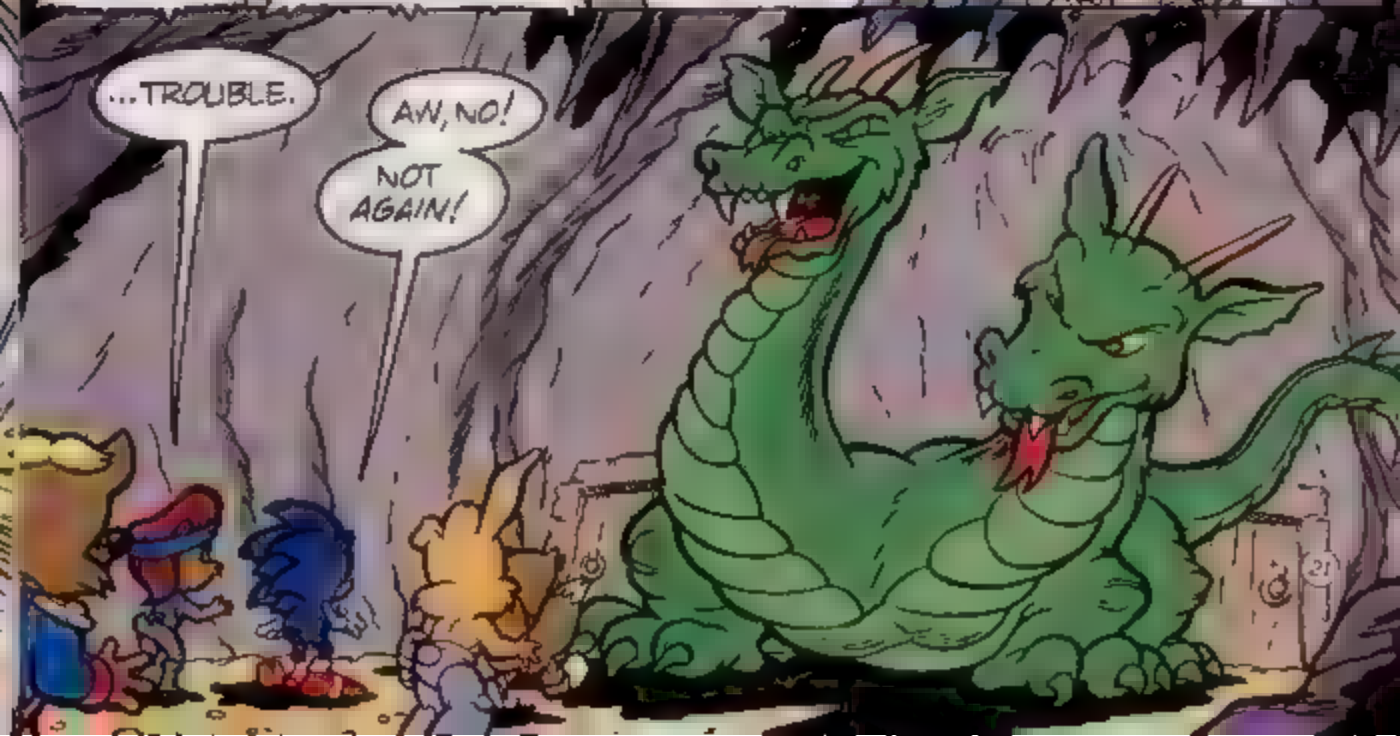
BY FREEING THE SWORD FROM THE STONE...

TAILS BROKE THE CIRCUIT WHICH GRANTED THE GRIFFIN ITS MOBILITY.

YES, MA'AM!

...TROUBLE.

AW, NO!
NOT AGAIN!



ZOWEE!

THIS ONE'S
BIGGER
THAN THE
OTHERS PUT
TOGETHER!

IF WE
HAVE TO
FIGHT IT...

ER... THEM...

MAYBE
WE
DON'T.

WHAT
CAN YOU
TELL US
ABOUT THAT
THING,
NICOLE?

THE CREATURE BEFORE
YOU IS THE LEGENDARY
POLYSAURUS REX.

LONG THOUGHT TO BE EXTINCT,
THIS TWO-HEADED, TWO-FACED
BIOMECHANICAL WATCHDOG IS
A WALKING CONTRADICTION
IN TERMS.

ONE HEAD ALWAYS
TELLS THE TRUTH,
WHILE THE OTHER
ALWAYS LIES--

AND NO ONE
CAN EVER BE
QUITE SURE WHICH
HEAD IS WHICH.

BEYOND IT LIE
TWO DOORS. ONE
LEADS TO YOUR
QUEST'S END--

THE OTHER,
TOWARD CERTAIN
DOOM.

CHOOSE YOUR
WORDS WITH
CARE, SALLY.

CHOOSE
MY...

YOU MEAN
I HAVE TO
ASK IT A
QUESTION?

ONE
QUESTION...

...AND
ONE
ONLY!

PICK
A
HEAD...

... AND TAKE
YOUR BEST SHOT!

VERY WELL.

YOU... ON THE LEFT! WHICH DOOR WOULD THE OTHER HEAD CLAIM LEADS TO QUEST'S END?



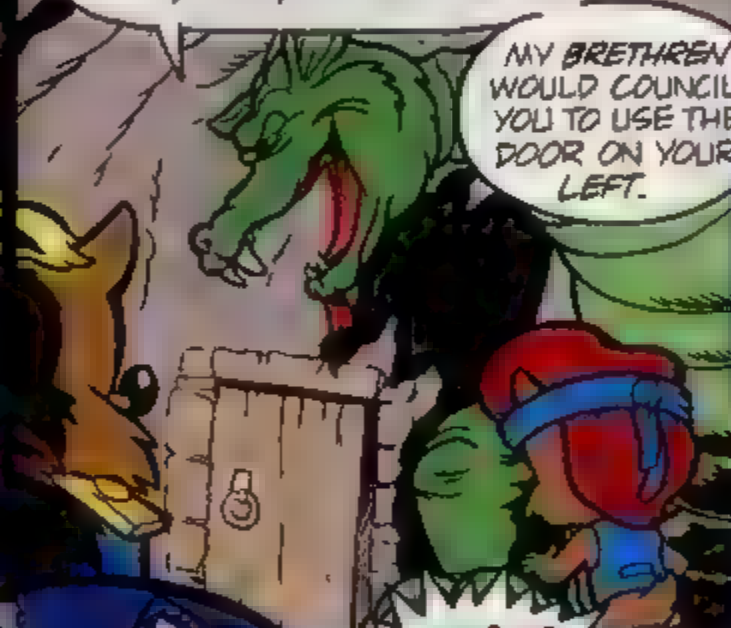
TRULY, YOU ARE WISE BEYOND YOUR YEARS, LITTLE PRINCESS.

MY BRETHREN WOULD COUNCIL YOU TO USE THE DOOR ON YOUR LEFT.

THAT'S IT, THEN!

LET'S JUICE!

NO, SONIC-- WE'RE TAKING THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!



WHAT?

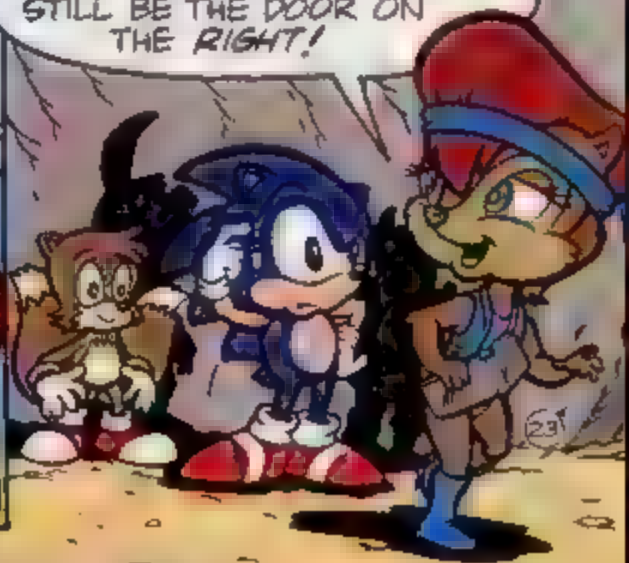
BUT HE JUST SAID--

THAT'S RIGHT!

THINK ABOUT IT...

IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT TELLS THE TRUTH, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD US TRUTHFULLY THAT THE OTHER HEAD WOULD HAVE LIED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT LIES... THEN OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD STILL BE THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT!



WELL, SINCE WE AREN'T PUSHING UP DAISIES, I GUESS YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T TELL ME WHICH HEAD WAS WHICH!

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I DON'T KNOW EITHER! BUT NONE OF THAT MATTERS NOW!

WE'VE ARRIVED AT...

**Quest's
END!**

WOW...

LOOK AT THAT!

I SEE IT, SONIC!

A MINIATURE VERSION OF JULAYLA'S HOPE CHEST!

THIS MUST BE WHAT WE CAME FOR!

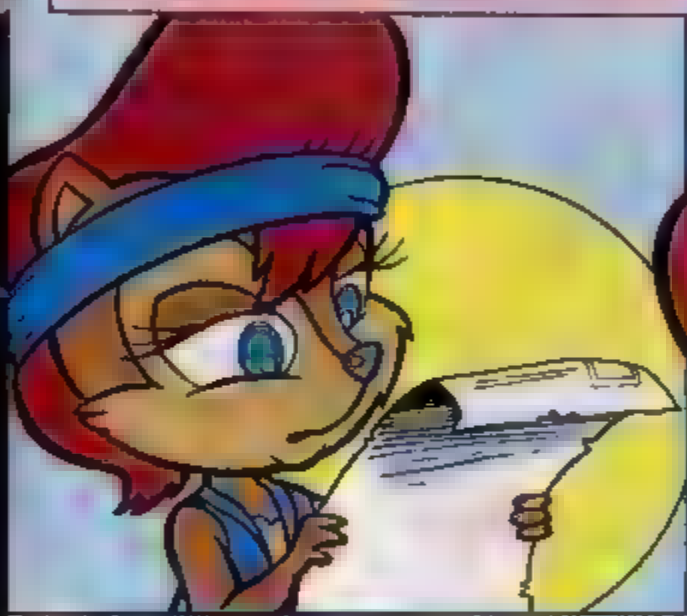
I WONDER WHAT'S...

INS DE?!

POP!



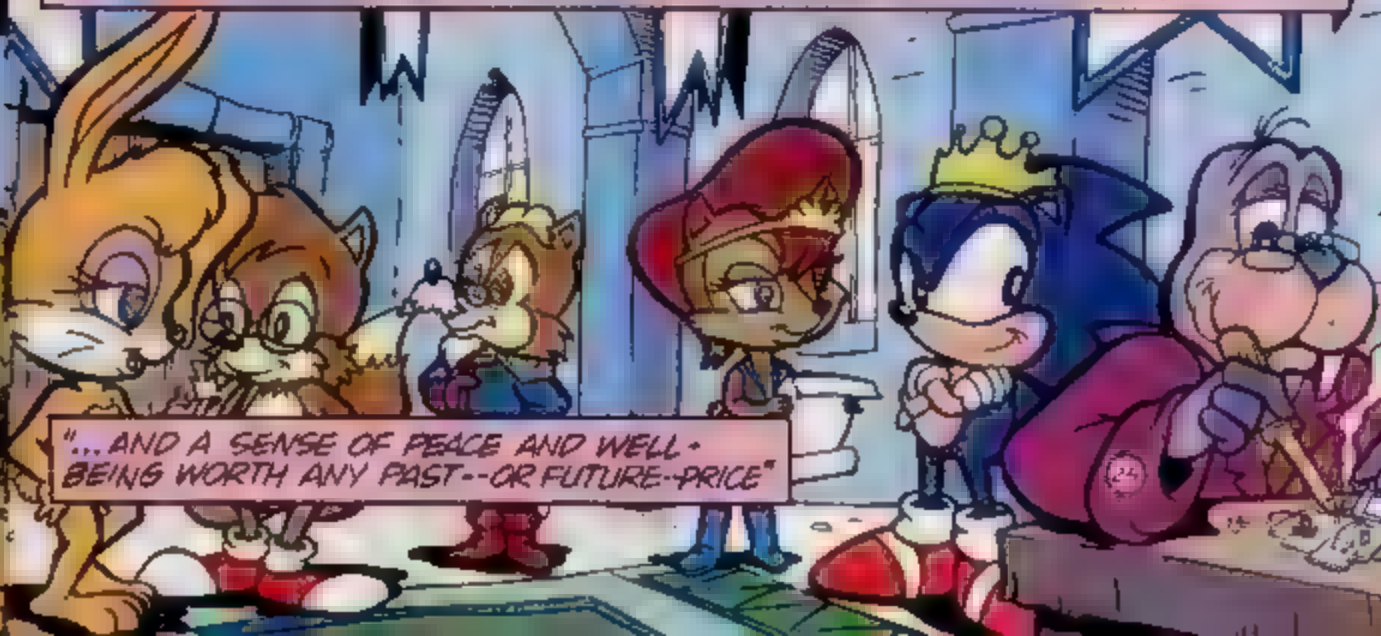
"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOMENT THEN..."



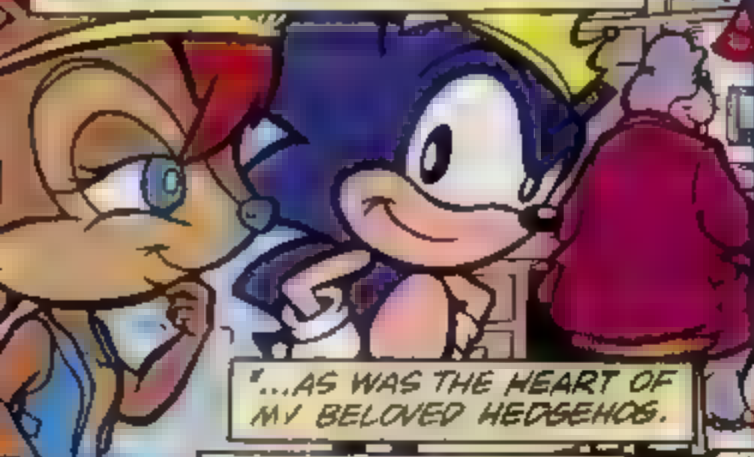
"...BUT I DO TODAY!"

"JULAYLA'S WORDS HAVE SERVED ME IN GOOD STEAD FOR FULLY TWO DECADES!"

"AS HER FINAL TESTAMENT CLEARLY STATED, THE FULFILLMENT OF MY QUEST HAS INDEED GRANTED ME ONENESS OF THE SOUL..."



"BY HAVING FAITH IN MYSELF, THE WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK WAS WON..."



"...AS WAS THE HEART OF MY BELOVED HEDGEHOGS."

"AND THE CHILDREN..."



HOLD UP, YOU LITTLE SCAMPS!

"NOW, AFTER ALL THESE MANY YEARS..."

"THE FINAL LINK IN AN ELABORATE CHAIN OF EVENTS IS ABOUT TO BE FORGED..."

DONE.

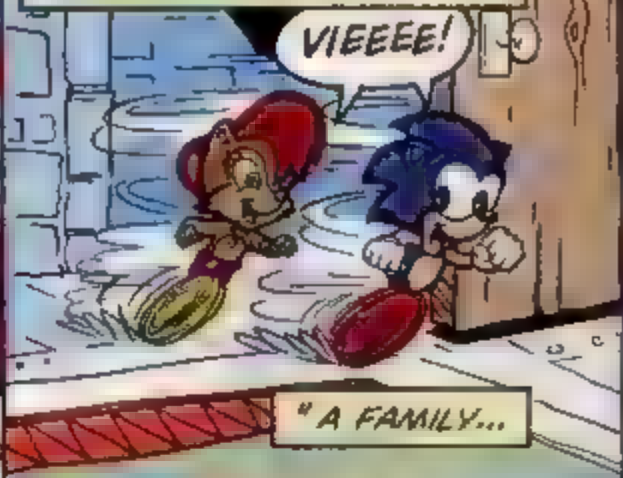
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MY FRIENDS...



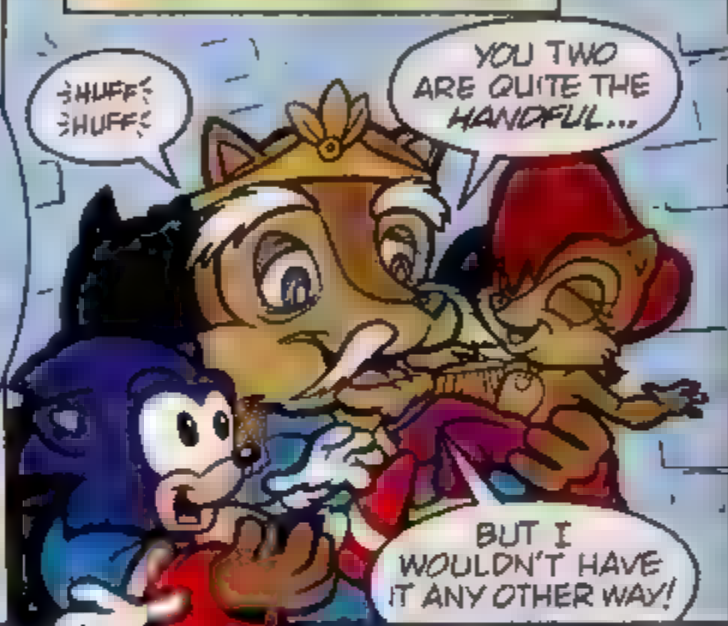
"WE HAVE A KINGDOM NOW..."

VIEEEE!



"A FAMILY..."

"...HAVE A GRANDFATHER."



SHUFF SHUFF

YOU TWO ARE QUITE THE HANDFUL...

BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!

I GIVE YOU --



NICOLE!



HELLO ..
OLD
FRIEND.

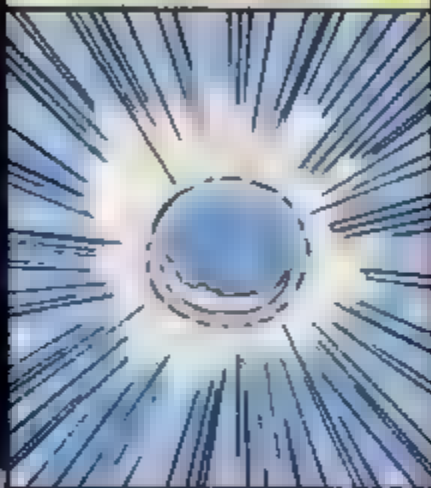
IT'S BEEN--
A LONG TIME.

"AND IT WOULD BE LONGER STILL.
ROTOR HAD SPENT YEARS STRIVING TO
RECLAIM THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS
LOST WHEN NICOLE WAS DESTROYED DURING
THE DECISIVE BATTLE WITH ROBOTNIK. AND
NOW THAT WE'RE FINALLY TOGETHER AGAIN..

"I MUST ONCE MORE
SAY GOOD-BYE.

"EVER SINCE THE DIS-
COVERY OF THE TRANS-
TIME PORTAL, I KNEW
WHERE NICOLE HAD
COME FROM.

"SHE WAS A GIFT TO
MYSELF, FROM MYSELF..



"AND WHY.



"A FRIEND, WHEN I
NEEDED ONE THE MOST.

"WITHOUT HER, I MIGHT NEVER
HAVE LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY...

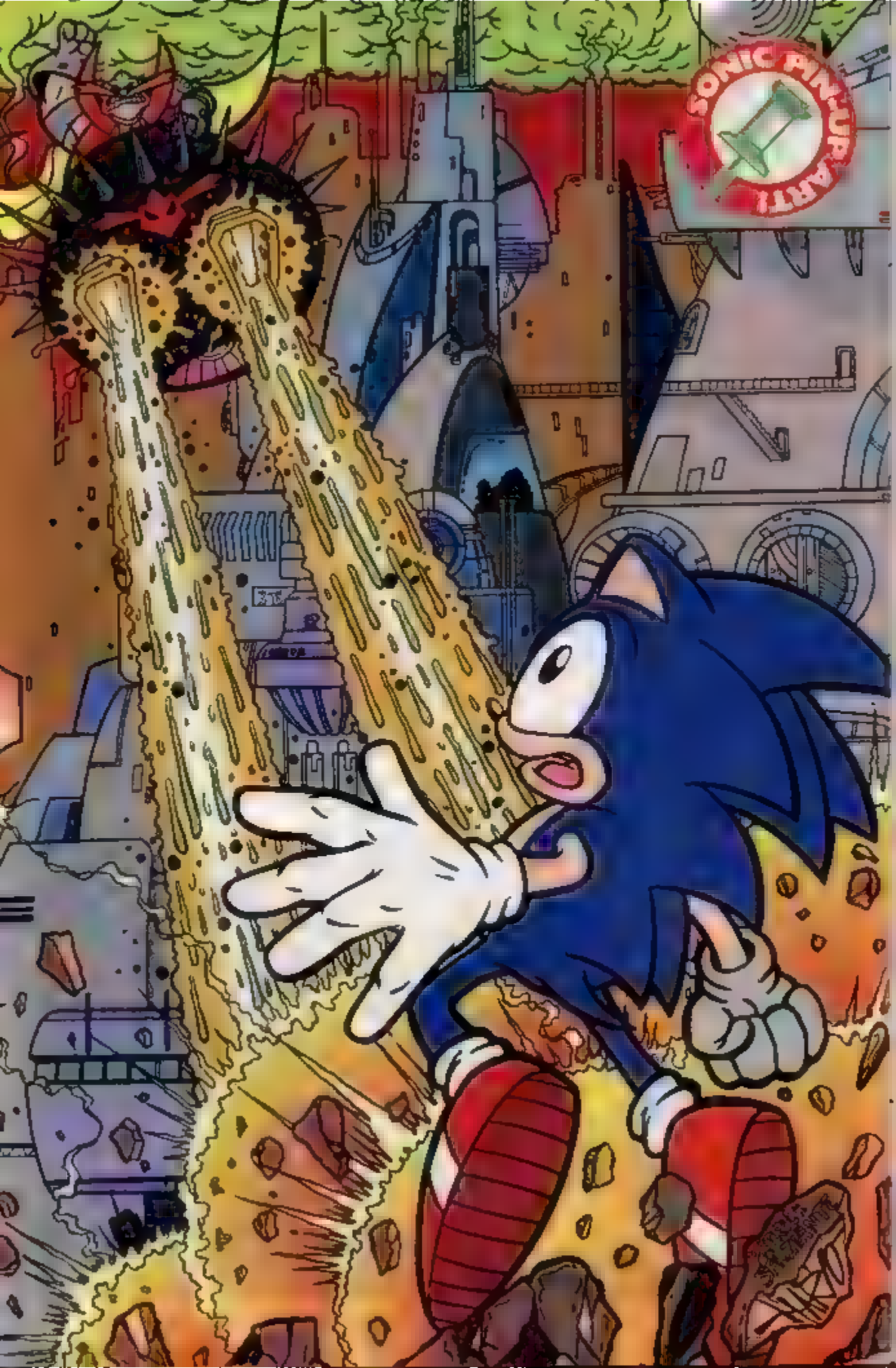
"OR TO FULLY APPRECIATE
JULAYLA'S PASSING, AND
THE SIX LITTLE WORDS
SHE LEFT BEHIND...



"TO THINE OWN
SELF BE TRUE "



WAIT A MINUTE, SONIC FANS! IS THIS REALLY THE FUTURE OF THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS, OR JUST ONE OF THE MANY POSSIBLE "FUTURES" OF OUR HEROES?
KEEP READING FUTURE MONTHLY ISSUES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT EXCITING ADVENTURES LAY AHEAD...!

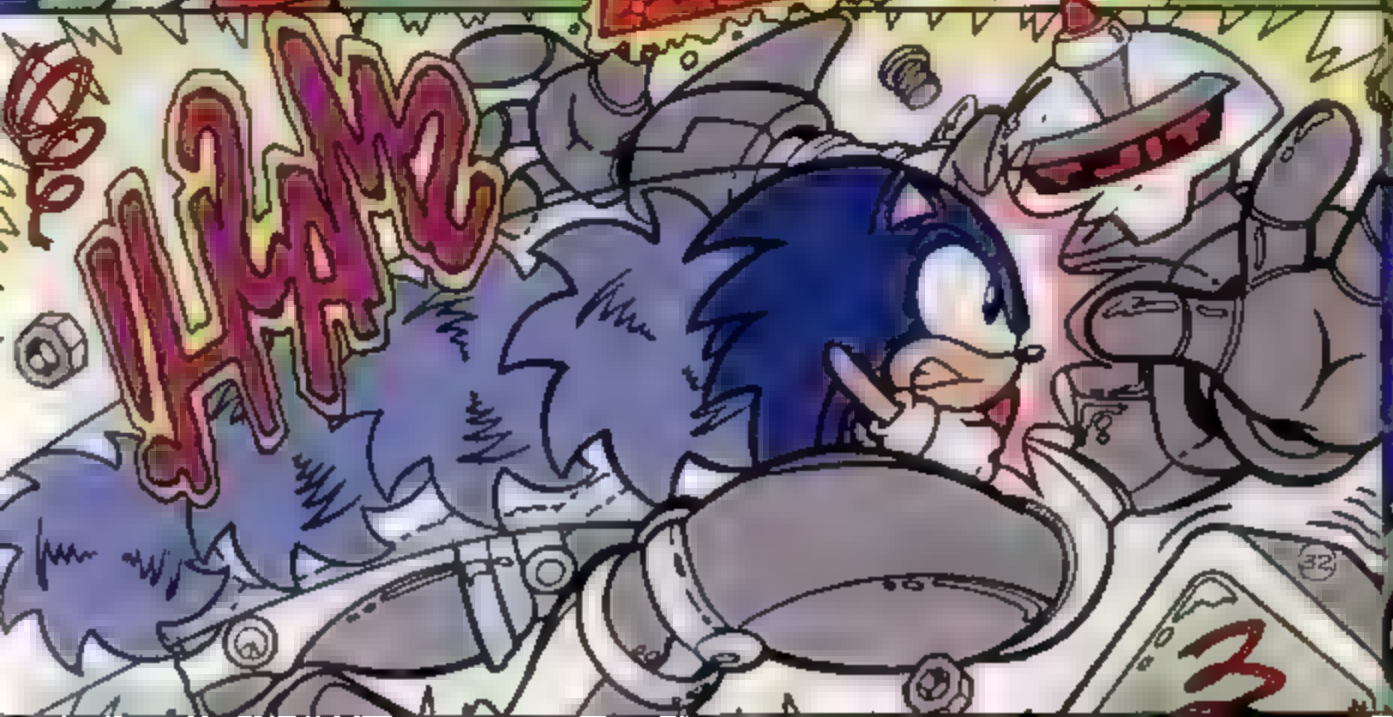
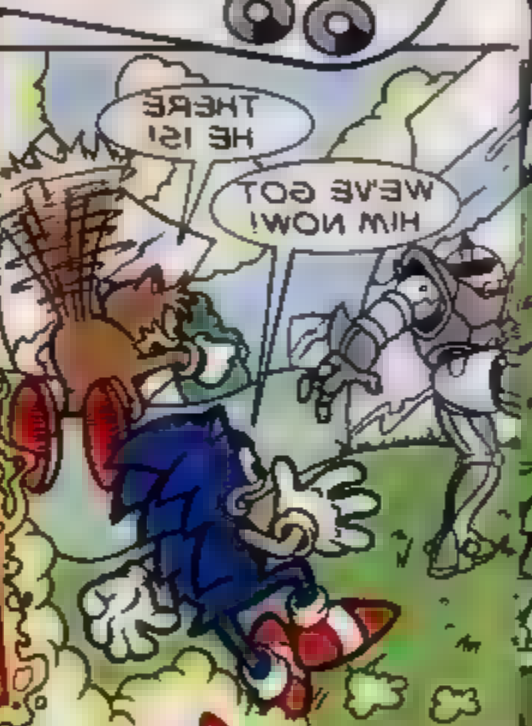
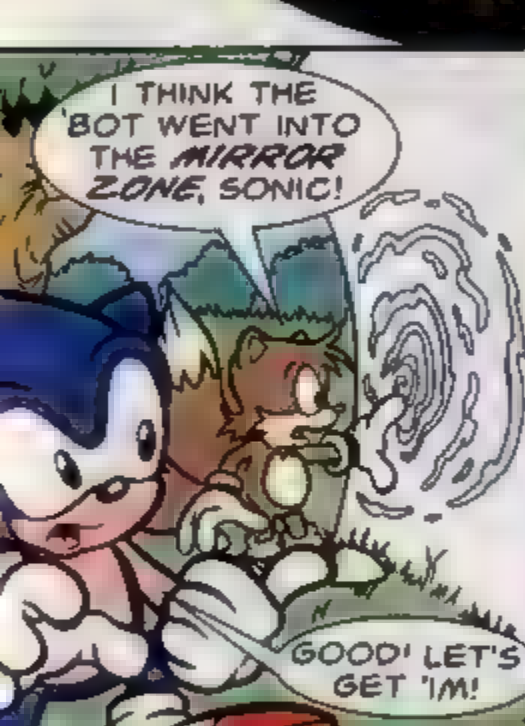


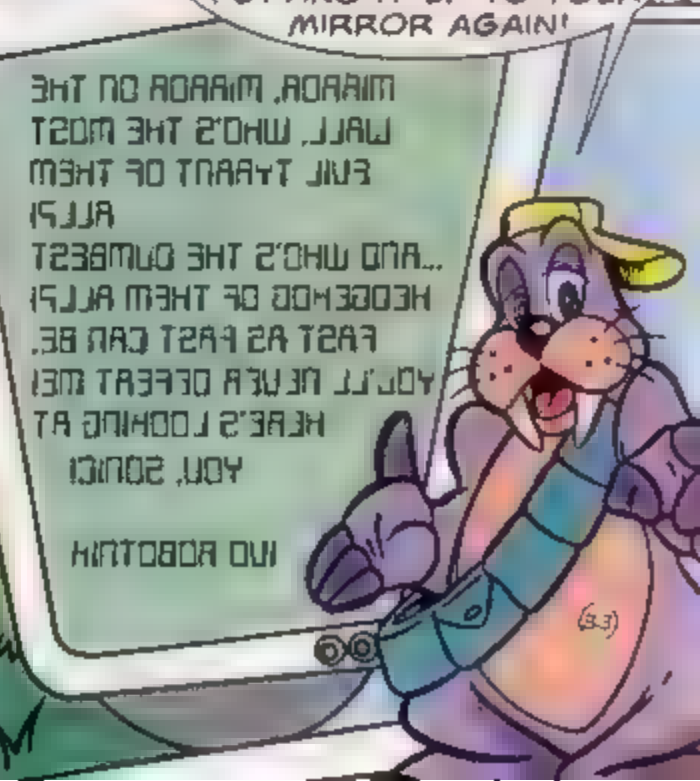
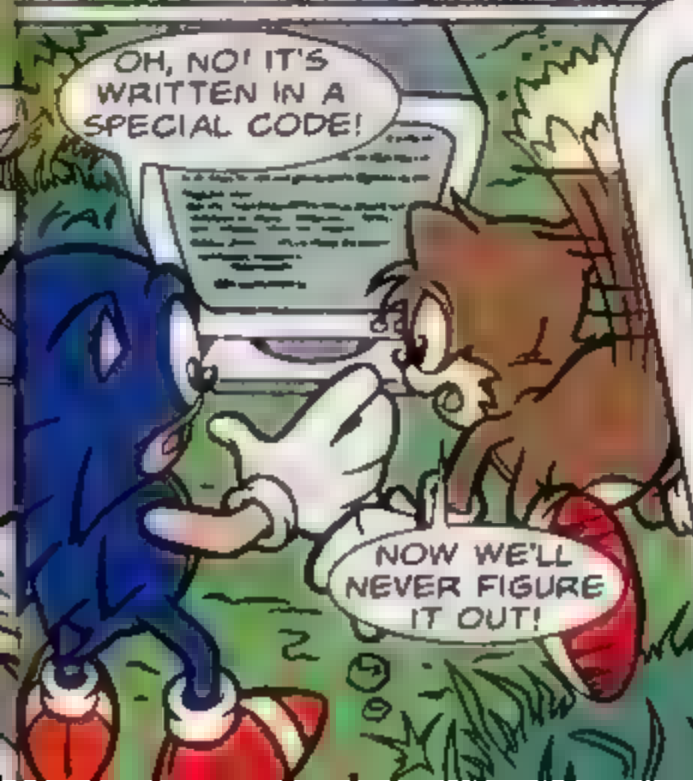
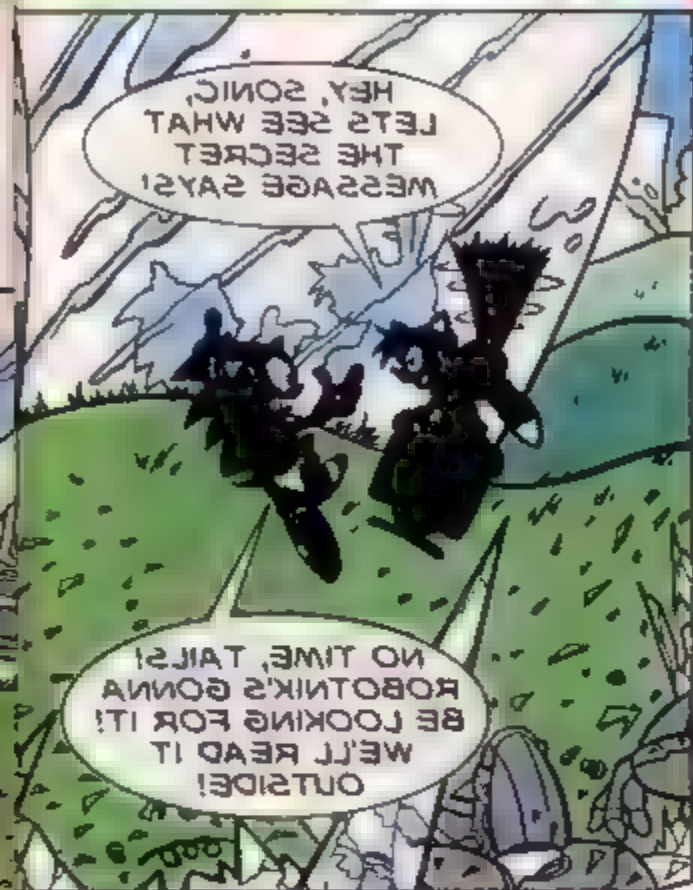
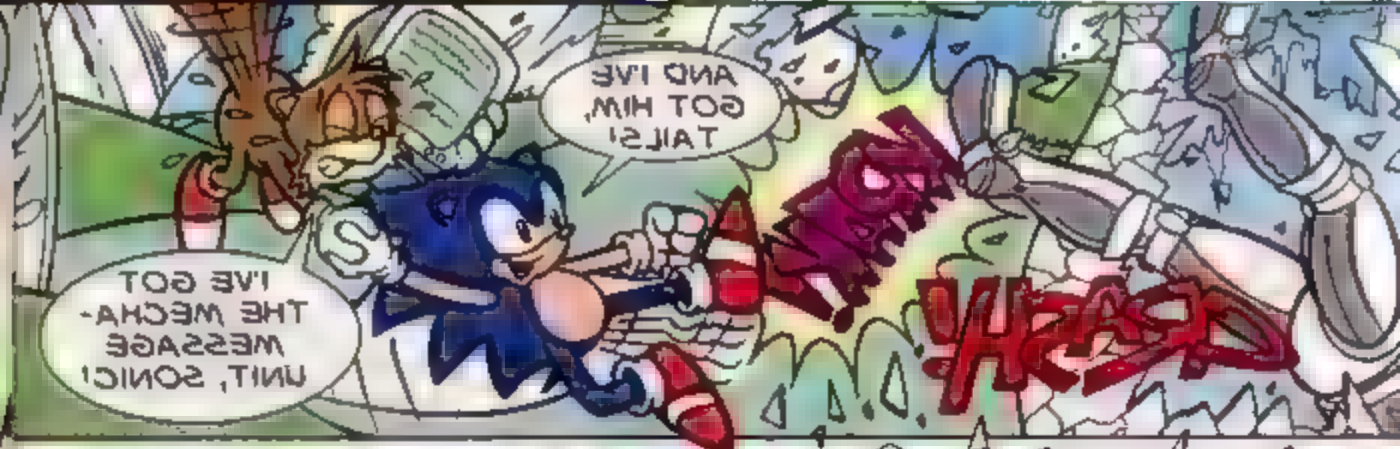
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

THE MIRROR ZONE

HEY, SONIC FANS! SONIC AND TAILS ARE PURSUING A SWATBOT WHO IS DELIVERING A TOP-SECRET COMPUTER MESSAGE TO DR. ROBOTNIK! ONCE OUR HEROES ENTER THE MIRROR ZONE, YOU CAN READ THEIR SCRAMBLED WORDS BY HOLDING THESE STORY PAGES UP TO A MIRROR!

HAVE FUN!





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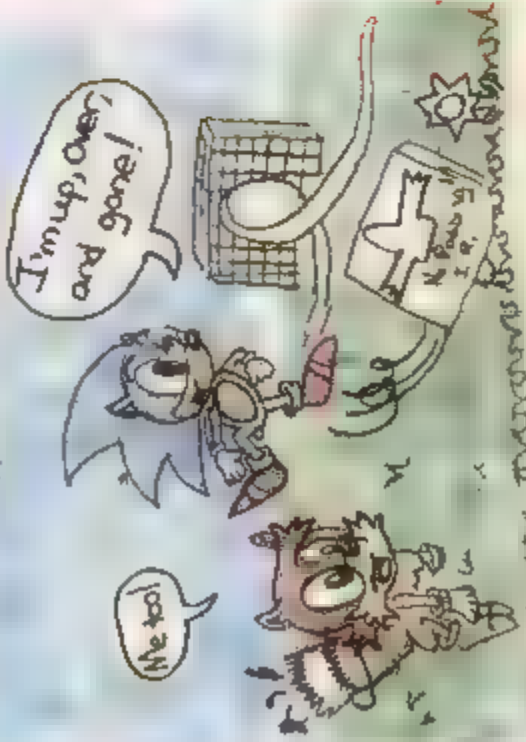
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Helen Bryant
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Ken Wiersbowski age 10
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SONIC GRAMS



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**Yo, Fellow
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!**

It's me, the fastest dude in the north, south, east and west--and up, down, backward and forward for that matter! That's right, it's your numero uno bud SONIC!

Just the other day I was talking to that big mouth editor Scott. I said, "Hey listen, pal, as a tribute to all my devoted fans who buy my very first 48-page special comic book (the comic you're reading now!), I'll handle these Sonic-Grams pages by taking the readers on a guided tour that can't lose! ...And you, my big editor buddy, can take a snooze!"

With that guy out of the way, I grabbed a stack of fan letters and juiced back to my hut in Knothole Village. When I got there, it was a cold and stormy night and all the other Freedom Fighters were asleep. Sitting in my favorite chair, a supply of chili dogs with melted Jack cheese at my side for "reading energy," I began to read...

First, I came across this letter from a fan named Stephen Quinones from Prospect Park, N.J. Stephen writes:

Dear Sonic,

I'm Stephen, and I'm nine years old. I think you're way past cool. This is the first time I'm writing to comics and I'm pretty excited! I have a few questions: 1. How old is Sally? 2. Will you ever marry Sally? 3. If you marry Sally will you ever have a baby named Baby Sonic? Sonic the reason I'm writing about the third question is because sometimes I'm playing that I have a baby named Sonic. But Baby Sonic can go the speed you can. But if you don't get a baby named Baby Sonic then you can get a cousin who is just as fast as you, too.

Hey, Stephen! I think you're way past cool for writing to me! Sally is about fifteen years old. As for marrying Sally, check out my adventure, "Wedding Bell Blues" in Sonic The Hedgehog #18, on sale now! And as for having children, check out my possible future at the end of "The Quest" in this very issue!

Two chili dogs later, I started to read a letter from Jason Burkett, from Sebring, FL. Jason writes:

Dear Sonic,

Is there going to be another comic book about you? I like the story of "The Good, the Bad and The Hedgehog" the best. I don't have a SEGA yet, but I will get one for Christmas. I'm your number one fan! Where did Bunnie Rabbot come from? What do the symbols ? and ?! mean?

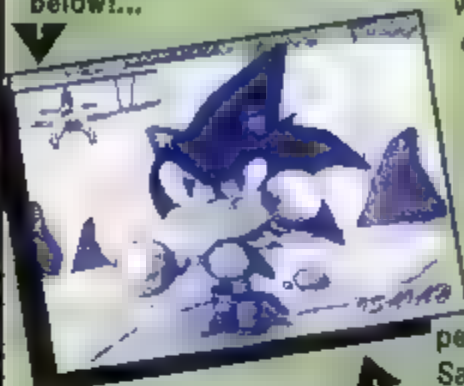
Hey, Jason! If you like "The Good, the Bad and The Hedgehog," you'll love "Night of a Thousand Sonics" in Sonic #19, on sale in November! The symbol "?" is a question mark, and is used as the punctuation at the end of a sentence whenever someone is asking any question--just like you did! The symbol "?!" is a combination of a question mark and an exclamation point. It's used as punctuation at the end of a sentence when someone asks a question and is really excited, or, more frequently, when someone asks a question but doesn't really require an answer--that's called a rhetorical question. Whew!

Then I came across this awesome package with a great drawing of me on the outside. Inside was a note from the Ritchey family of Woodburn, OR. that said:

"My son, Isaiah drew this Sonic comic book on his computer! Please read!"



I read it, and it was fantastic! It was so good in fact, I decided to print a piece of his artwork! Dig this stuff below!...



Then I came across a great idea from Amy Swope of New Hope, VA. She says:

Dear Sonic,

I have a great idea for a Freedom Fighter: his name is Trigger. He used to be a pirate fighter at sea. He can shoot a fly off a wall 100 feet away with his six-shooter, although he won't harm anyone. You can have him if you want him. Please put him in your comics and TV show. He is very good at sailing. Please print my letter.

Wow, Amy! What a great idea! How's this for Trigger's appearance?!



As I started to get sleepy, I took the last bites of my last chili dog, and read my last letter from Tammy Fehr of Bedford, TX.

Dear Sonic-Gram Associates

In issue #11, you said that Dr. Robotnik is obsessed with robots. Well, I am obsessed with him! I have a bad case of puppy love for the evil but loveable megalomaniac. What is his first name, and how old is he? He is so handsome, and his smile makes my heart skip a beat. But I have one problem: what has happened to his personality on the Saturday morning show? I liked him better in the good ole days, back when he was just starting out on his quest for world domination. Perhaps he just needs a date I'm available! Please pass this information and the enclosed photo on to him. Do you think he'll be interested? Oh, one more thing—is there any Robotnik-Gram service where I can write directly to my love?



Hey listen, Tammy! Did that snake Dr. lvo "Robuttnik" roboticize your brain?! He's a dirty, low-down, no-good, back-biting, evil blimp! How could you love him?! Sorry, but it's my sworn duty to protect the

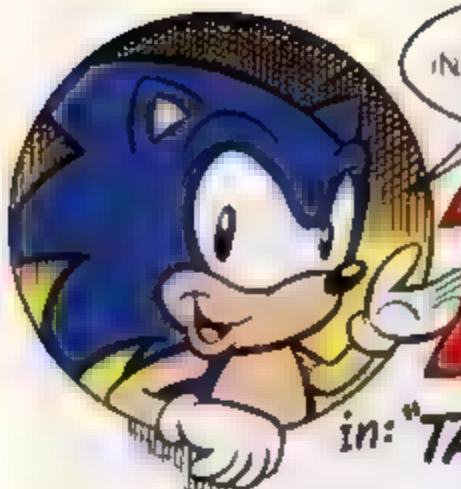
innocent from ole baldy! No way I'm going to fix you up with that tyrant! I'm spoken for, but I think those editor guys Scott, Paul and Victor at Archie Comics are single. Why don't you give them a call, and stay away from Robo-dummy!

DON'T MISS SONIC #19!



Well fans, what do you think? Did I do a better job than Scott? As a matter of fact, **"BURP!"** Uhh, gee, sorry! I guess I shouldn't have eaten ten chili dogs so late, especially since I had twelve for dinner! I've got to go lay down, but keep writing and let me know how you liked my first special! **"BURP!"** Bye!

SONIC-GRAMS



PRESENTING,
IN HIS VERY FIRST
SOLO STORY...

SONIC'S PAL **TAILS**

in: "TAILS' TALLEST TALE"



HEY NICE
LOGO!



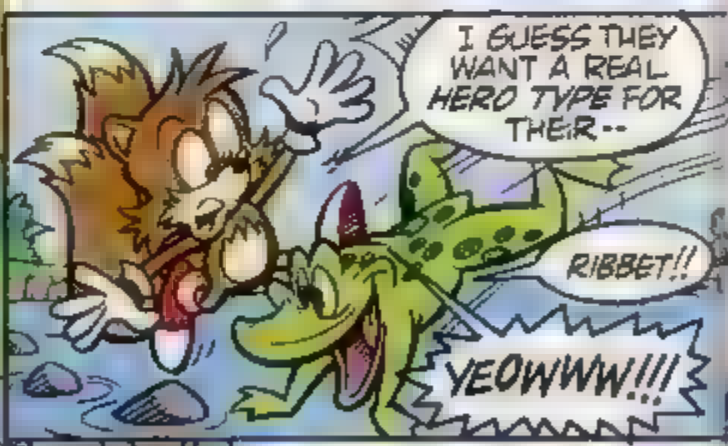
THIS PART OF THE
FOREST IS SO THICK, I CAN'T
FLY BY TAIL-POWER! NO
WONDER I'M SO LATE!

I'LL BET THIS
NEVER HAPPENS TO
SONIC!

SPEAKING OF
SONIC, BEING
HIS SIDEKICK DOES
HAVE CERTAIN
ADVANTAGES...



... LIKE
GETTING INVITED
TO BE THE
SPECIAL GUEST
OF THE LOCAL
SONIC FAN
CLUB'S BIG
CONVENTION!



I GUESS THEY
WANT A REAL
HERO TYPE FOR
THEIR...

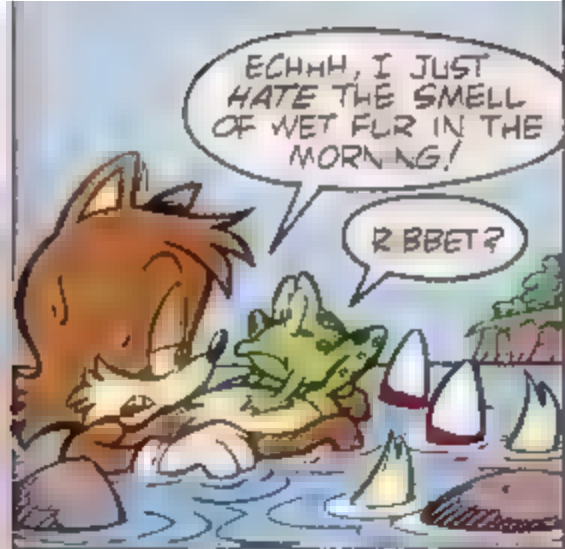
RIBBET!!

YEOWWW!!!



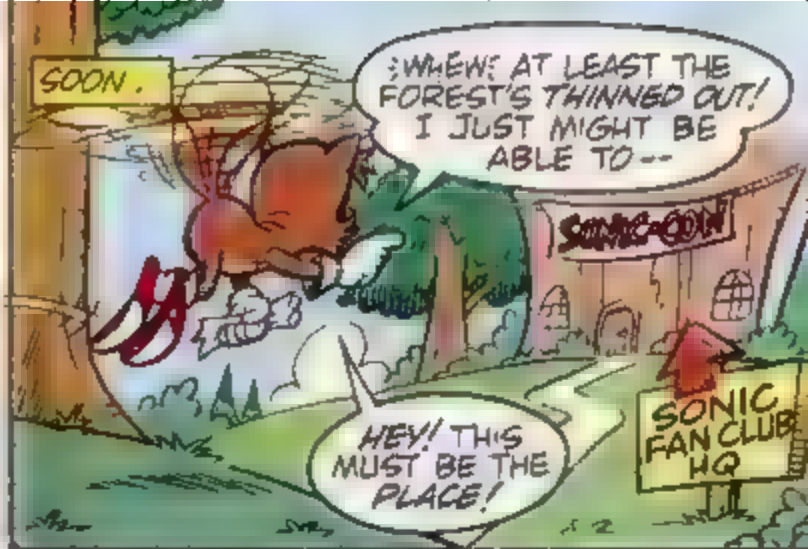
OOOOOPS!

SPLOOSH!



ECHHH, I JUST HATE THE SMELL OF WET FLR IN THE MORNING!

R BBET?



SOON.

WHEN? AT LEAST THE FOREST'S THINNED OUT! I JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO--

HEY! THIS MUST BE THE PLACE!



WELL, HERE GOES!

WOW!

AH, TAILS! WELCOME TO OUR LITTLE GET TOGETHER! I'M SHELDON, THE CONVENTION PRESIDENT!

WE'RE HONORED YOU COULD FIT US INTO YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE!

IN MY OPINION KNUCKLES IS MERELY A MUNDANE MARSHMAL!

ARE YOU KIDDING? HE'S AN ECHIDNA, AND ALMOST AS BAD AS ROBOTNIK!

OH GET A LIFE, YOU TWO!

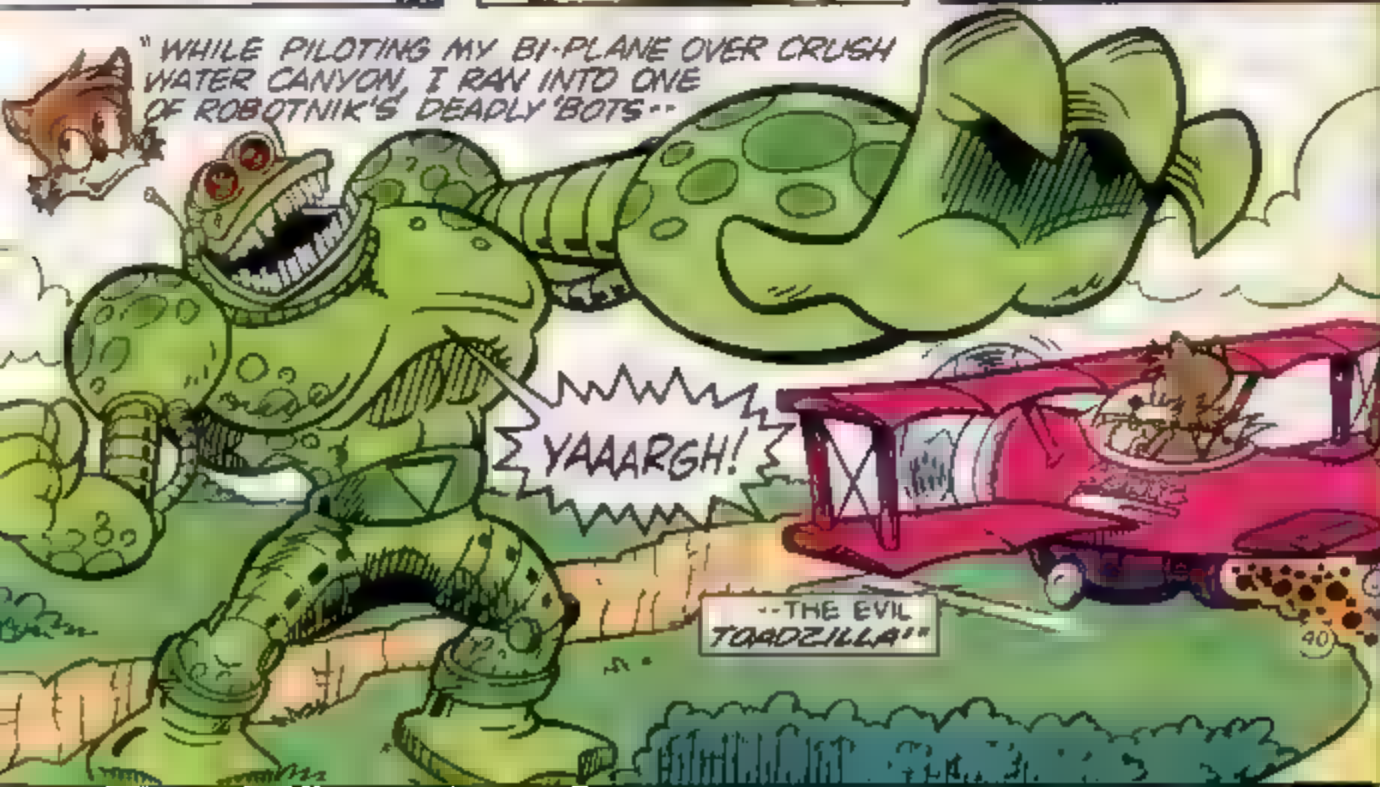
SAYS WHO? I'LL BET YOU MY AUTOGRAPHED SONIC TRADING CARD THAT TAILS WILL BACK ME UP ON THIS!

WE INVITED SONIC TO SPEAK, BUT HE HAD TO TURN US DOWN!

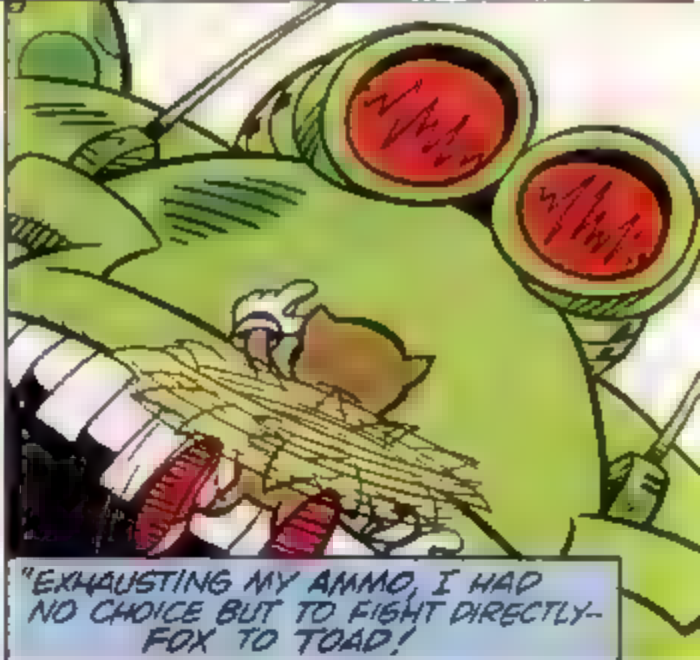
THIS IS POSEY, OUR RESIDENT SONIC EXPERT!

PLEASSED TO MEET YOU, POSEY!

WOW! SONIC'S APPRENTICE!



"I LEAPT FROM MY PLANE IN A LAST MINUTE EFFORT TO DEMOLISH THE GIANT!"



"EXHAUSTING MY AMMO, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT DIRECTLY—FOX TO TOAD!"

"I DEALT A MIGHTY BLOW, AND JUST THEN, THE CLIFF COLLAPSED!"



"LOCKED IN A DEATH GRIP--"

"--WE FELL INTO THE WATERS OF THE RIVER!"



